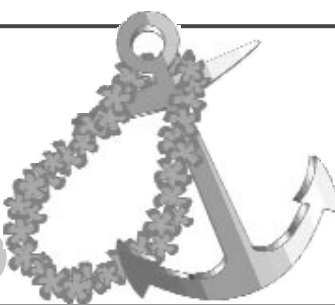


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IN BRIEF

NEX gives customers chance to voice their opinions

Be a part of the furniture department focus group and give the NEX your feedback and suggestions regarding furniture selection at Hawaii stores July 23, 11:00 a.m. at Makalapa BOQ Volcano Room. Call 421-3401 for directions and valuable information. Incentives offered to participants.

Like electronic gadgets and accessories? Join the Electronics Department focus group, contribute your ideas and discuss the electronics assortment at Hawaii Navy Exchanges. July 23, 1:00 p.m. at Makalapa BOQ Volcano Room. Call 421-3401 for directions and information. Incentives offered to participants.

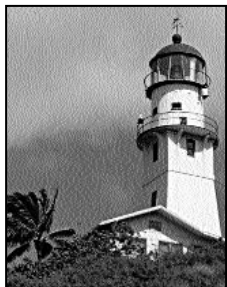
NCTAMS PAC DSCS division wins 'best facility' award

The Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific's Defense Satellite Communications System Earth Terminal Wahiawa was awarded the 1999 Outstanding Facility of the Year for category IX. This award is given to facilities that have distinguished themselves by providing exceptional communications service to on-base and deployed units throughout the Pacific.

FSC hosts ombudsman basic training

Training, available for all new ombudsmen, focuses on functions of the ombudsman, newsletter writing, communication skills and their role with commands and families. All CO's, XO's, CMC's, COB's, their spouses and other interested individuals are welcome on a space available basis. Registration is mandatory.

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Diamond Head Lighthouse: Historic beacon celebrates 100 years of serving mariners. **B-1**

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New day at K-Bay



J02 Greg Cleghorne photo

Before dawn, Patrol Squadron VP-9 "Golden Eagles" P3 pilot, Lt. Rob Tidball, heads to his aircraft at the squadron's new home at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, Pacific Fleet, operational departments and support units relocated to MCBH recently, but continued their training cycles, missions, multi-national exercises and real world-time operations in Kosovo without missing a beat.

VP and HSL squadrons complete move to MCBH, Kaneohe Bay; continue missions with out interruption

By J02 Greg Cleghorne
HNN ASSISTANT EDITOR

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet's operational departments and support units relocated to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay [MCBH] recently, moving from Naval Air Station (NAS), Barbers Point (disestablished July 1). Included in the move were four P3 Orion squadrons and a helicopter

squadron.

Moving thousands of servicemembers and their aircraft could have been a logistical nightmare, but thanks to the advance preparation of the Navy and Marine Corps team, the transition went off with minimal difficulties. Most importantly, the squadron's missions went on without interruption.

"We began moving in [to Kaneohe Bay] the first week of May," said Lt. Cmdr. Bob Roof, VP-9 "Golden Eagles" operations and flight officer. "It went so well because it was well scripted. We moved the offices and support crews, then the aircraft. After a few days for a safety stand down, we went right into pilot and crew training for our standard missions with no change whatsoever."

"Thanks to the Marine support teams, we were able to conduct our normal training missions and the multi-national Joint

Task Force Exercise (JTFX) '99," Roof continued. "That was the real test. Completing a major exercise like the JTFX - a prelude to RIMPAC - with 23 maritime aircraft from England, Canada, Australia and Japan. Flying around the clock was a testament that we were fully onboard [at K-Bay]. The squadrons and the base personnel did an outstanding job."

"The transition from Barbers Point to MCBH happened during our training cycle," said Cmdr. Earl Hampton, VP-9's new commanding officer. "We're adjusting and continuing on with our mission, providing forward presence. The Marine Corps did an outstanding job as our host and have provided service well beyond our moving in needs."

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Anthrax 'Q & A' meeting scheduled in Pearl Harbor

By Margaret Tippy
TRIPLER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The military's Anthrax Vaccination and Immunization Program staff is scheduled to visit Pearl Harbor July 23 at Lockwood Hall to conduct an Anthrax Town Hall meeting and answer questions servicemembers have about the program.

Two town hall sessions are scheduled from 1:30-2:15 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.

In addition, an anthrax

display will be available for viewing from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The town hall meetings are designed to provide facts and information about Anthrax and the vaccination and immunization program. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the program, as well.

Anthrax may be used as a biological weapon and people become infected by breathing Anthrax spores that are released into the air. Inhalation Anthrax is

the disease that results from breathing anthrax spores.

Symptoms of inhalation Anthrax can be as early as 24 hours after breathing the spores. Initial symptoms include fever, cough and weakness and usually progress to breathing problems, shock and death.

The Anthrax immunization is mandatory for active duty and reserve service members. Emergency essential civilians and

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Hurricane season: Prepare and beware

By Karen Spangler
NAVY HOUSING

Hurricane season normally runs from June to November in Hawaii. Do you know what to do to prepare for a hurricane? Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with information about hurricanes and to make the necessary preparations.

The islands have not been hit by a major hurricane since Iniki churned through in 1992. But within a few hours after the Civil Defense warning had sounded to let island residents know that Iniki was on its way, every supermarket, gas station and convenience store in Oahu was faced with long lines as anxious, hurricane-watching shoppers attempted to collect the neces-

sary items. Flashlights, batteries, bottled water and food were soon in short supply.

In order to prepare for a hurricane, it is important to know the terminology associated with the storms. The National Weather Service (NWS) has an early warning system linked to satellites that records the formation of storms in the Pacific.

A tropical depression is a weather front associated with winds of less than 39 miles per hour. A tropical storm is a cyclone with winds ranging from 39-73 miles per hour. A hurricane is a tropical cyclone with winds of 74 miles per hour or more.

When a tropical depression forms, the NWS begins to issue a series of advisories, including watches and warnings, based on

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Pacific Fleet ONE on ONE

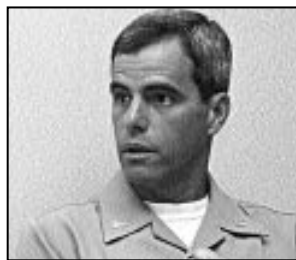
By J02 Sean A. Hughes
PACIFIC FLEET PUBLIC AFFAIRS

This is part of a series of interviews with the leadership of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and the Navy. Captain Gay is a native of Lahaina, Hawaii, and was commissioned in the United States Army in 1973. He transferred to fly with the Navy and qualified as a Naval Flight Officer in December 1978. He served as Reserve Patrol Wing Atlantic Commander before assuming his current position as the Pacific Fleet Plans and Policy Officer in 1998.

Q. What is the mission of Plans and Policies (N5)?

A. We work with the Fleet to positively-impact how we operate now and in the future. We basically cover three areas. We develop regional plans and policies, we manage the plans and formulate Fleet policies.

Additionally, we deal with doctrine. That has to do with how we fight a war, how command relationships work among our



CAPT. FRED GAY
Plans and Policy Officer,
U.S. Pacific Fleet

Fleet, and doctrines that impact the Navy component fighting in a joint environment.

Q. How do you "plan" what the Pacific Fleet does?

A. Our focus is peacetime engagement. We start at the top and look at the overriding policies and guidance provided by national-level authorities that determine how the Navy engages in the Pacific. That starts at a very high level with the National Security Strategy and National Military Strategy. The Commander in Chief, Pacific Command (USCP) uses these documents and develops goals for engagement in the Pacific area of responsibility. We then

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FASO DET Hawaii completes K-Bay move

By AD1 (AW) R. DeVilla

FASOTRAGRUPAC, DET. HAWAII

Spearheaded by its new officer in charge, Lt. Cmdr. Tony Martinez, Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group Detachment (FASOTRAGRUPAC DET) Hawaii begins a new chapter in the history of fleet aviation training support after recently completing a move to Kaneohe Bay from Naval Air Station Barbers Point.

FASOTRAGRUPAC Det is among the last tenant commands to transfer from NAS Barbers Point, which was turned over to the State of Hawaii July 1, as part of the recent round of base realignment and closures (BRAC).

FASO's new facilities are located at the newly constructed John W. Finn Building 6468 Mokapu Road, MCBH Kaneohe Bay.

The all-new training facility offers modern and spacious classrooms, with comfortable chairs and desks, and state-of-the-art computer terminals loaded with the latest instructional materials available.

Although the traditional methods of instruction are still available, FASO Det Hawaii is taking the lead in developing instructional methods, keeping on par with comparable civilian schools and higher learning institutions.

Once fully implemented, these presentation-based instruction methods will provide the students with the ease and convenience of an interactive training environment while increasing instructional quality significantly.

The detachment maintains a lineup of 30 courses, including microcomputer applications, Aviation Maintenance Administration and Management Training (AMAMT), and Anti Submarine Warfare (ASW).

Other services offered are graphics and media, and the Aviation Training Aids Library (ATAL).

FASO's library contains 350 training videos in gener-